



COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 281, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.
- 2 Delete pages 2 through 5.
- 3 Page 6, delete lines 1 through 2.
- 4 Page 6, line 15, delete "two" and insert "**three**".
- 5 Page 6, line 16, delete "(\$250,000,000)" and insert
- 6 "**(\$350,000,000)**".
- 7 Delete pages 7 through 18.
- 8 Page 19, delete lines 1 through 16, begin a new paragraph and
- 9 insert:
- 10 "SECTION 2. IC 6-3.1-34-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 11 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 0.5. (a) In order to facilitate the**
- 13 **redevelopment and rehabilitation of property in Indiana that**
- 14 **promotes regional collaboration and long term strategic planning,**
- 15 **the corporation may commit a tax credit to a development**
- 16 **authority pursuant to a development plan approved by the**
- 17 **corporation, which may subsequently be awarded by the**
- 18 **corporation at the request of a development authority to a**
- 19 **taxpayer proposing a qualified investment in a qualified**
- 20 **redevelopment site that is included in the development authority's**

development plan.

(b) The corporation shall award fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to development authorities each fiscal year that may be granted to taxpayers proposing qualified investment in a qualified redevelopment site pursuant to a development plan approved by the corporation.

SECTION 3. IC 6-3.1-34-2.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 2.1. As used in this chapter, "development authority" refers to a regional development authority established under IC 36-7.5-2-1, IC 36-7.6-2-3, or IC 36-7.7-3-1. The term includes a qualified nonprofit organization formed to support economic development across the region and which does not represent a single interest group or local unit or units within a single county.**

SECTION 4. IC 6-3.1-34-2.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 2.2. (a) As used in this chapter, "development plan" refers to a comprehensive strategic development plan approved by the development authority for its jurisdiction and which outlines its economic development strategy, the anticipated local resource commitments, the proposed regionally significant projects, the return on investment analysis reflecting a positive state return for such projects, the requirement that an equal or greater level of local public financial participation in the aggregate across all projects, the requirement that projects are reasonably expected to spur a total investment across all projects that is four (4) times greater than the level of the state resources provided on a present value basis, and that each project supported would not occur but for the provision of the requested state resources.**

(b) The development plan shall also include specific, measurable five (5) and ten (10) year objectives, and plans for achieving the objectives, for the region, including targets for:

- (1) per capita income;**
- (2) population;**
- (3) employment; and**
- (4) credential attainment among residents;**

in the region.

SECTION 5. IC 36-7.6-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.178-2015, SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 3. (a) A development authority may be established**

1 by any of the following:

2 (1) One (1) or more counties and one (1) or more adjacent
3 counties.

4 (2) One (1) or more counties and one (1) or more qualified cities
5 in adjacent counties.

6 (3) One (1) or more qualified cities and one (1) or more qualified
7 cities in adjacent counties.

8 (b) A county or qualified city may participate in the establishment
9 of a development authority under this section and become a member of
10 the development authority only if the fiscal body of the county or
11 qualified city adopts an ordinance authorizing the county or qualified
12 city to participate in the establishment of the development authority.

13 **For a county or city that is currently participating in a**
14 **development authority, the fiscal body of the county or qualified**
15 **city may adopt a subsequent ordinance authorizing the county or**
16 **qualified city to change membership and instead participate in a**
17 **new or different development authority.**

18 (c) When a county establishes a development authority with another
19 unit as provided in this chapter, each qualified city and third class city
20 in the county also becomes a member of the development authority,
21 without further action by the qualified city, ~~the~~ third class city, or the
22 development authority.

23 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, a county or
24 municipality may be a member of only one (1) development authority.

25 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, a county or
26 municipality that is a member of the northwest Indiana regional
27 development authority under IC 36-7.5 may not be a member of a
28 development authority under this article.

29 (f) A development authority shall notify the Indiana economic
30 development corporation in writing promptly after the development
31 authority is established **or if membership of the development**
32 **authority changes."**

33 Page 20, delete lines 25 through 29, begin a new paragraph and
34 insert:

35 "SECTION 7. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] **(a) Notwithstanding**
36 **any other provision, after review by the budget committee, the**
37 **appropriation for the deal closing fund in P.L.213-2025 (HEA**
38 **1001-2025) may be augmented by the budget agency. The terms in**
39 **P.L.213-2025 (HEA 1001-2025) for the deal closing fund limiting**
40 **augmentation by the budget agency to any economic development**
41 **project located within an innovation development district are**
42 **repealed.**

- 1 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027."**
- 2 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
 (Reference is to SB 281 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass .

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 1.

Senator Holdman, Chairperson